Sports Profile

Vernon Simmons, basketball forward

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News Notes

Counseling Department and Transfer Center:

CSUN will have a representative on campus April 4 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a drop-in

CSUN will have a Minority Business Program representative on campus April 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on a drop-in basis in Monarch Square.

CSULA will have a representative on campus April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon by appointment and from noon to 1 p.m. on a drop-in basis in the Transfer Center.

Algebra competency testing will be held March 30 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Campus Center 116. The test takes 50 minutes.

Summer School classes begin June 26 and end August 3. Appointments for continuing students begin May 1. Applications for new students will be accepted May 8. Telephone registration for continuing students starts May 15 and ends June 2. In-person registration for new and continuing students will be done by appointment only June 19 to June 23.

Student Trustee applications are available in the Student Services Office, CC 104. April 3 is the last day to file for the position of Student Trustee.

Resume Writing Workshop will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in CC 206 on April 5. For more information call Barbara Goldberg at ext.

Astonomy Club is sponsering a lecture "Roving On Mars" April 9 at 7p.m. in the observatory.

LAVC Music Department presents "L.A. Valley College Philharmonic Choir and Chamber Singers on April 2 at 7p.m. at 14115 Magnolia (at Hazeltine).

"Aids: Profile of an Epidemic" documentary will be shown on April 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Behavioral Science 101.

Tau Alpha Epsilon is sponsoring a blanket and shoe drive for a local charity. Drop donations off in the TAE box in CC 102.

Health Center will be offering free and anonymous HIV and tuberculosis testing on April 25 through the 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For an appointment contact the Health Center in the Women's Gym.

Valley's Accreditation visit will be occuring April 4 through 6. Copies of the accreditation selfstudy are available for check-out at the college library.

Lomar Jazz Ensemble which was supposed to perform in Music Room 112 on March 30 at 8 p.m. and the Lomar Jazz Orchestra which was to perform on May 4 in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m. have been cancelled. No new dates have been established.



Mia Harford, two-year respiratory therapy student demonstrates performing a tracheotomy on a mannequin.

Respiratory therapist program takes top honors in California

By LEONARDO MAYORGA Valley Star Staff Writer

The Outstanding Program Award for 1995, the highest California occupational education award, was presented to the Respiratory Therapist Program of Valley on March 16 at the California Community Colleges (CCC) conference in Sacramento.

Valley won the award due to the low attrition rate, which is the rate of the number of people who start compared to the number who finish. Other factors include a 20 year record of excellence, state of the art technology computer learning lab, high pass rate on state license and national credentialing examinations, 100% employment rate, cost effectiveness and stu-

finest hospitals in the state and the therapist program director,

Out of the 106 CCC's only 36 are nominated for the award. The candidates represent the spectrum of occupational and vocational programs in the state. From the nine community colleges that form the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), Valley was one of the nominees.

"One of the reasons our program is the best is our low attribution rate which has been only 4% in the last four years, which means that we only lose only about one or no people. We also do well because we use some of the best hospitals in Los Angeles which means that they're (hospitals) probably some of the best in the world," said

dent internships at some of the Frank Sinsheimer, Respiratory

The usage of some of the best hospitals in Los Angeles creates a good training ground for the students of the respiratory therapist program. They get training in unusual cases of very sick people.

Some of the health care facilities that are used by the students include Brotman Medical Center, Culver City; Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Childrenshospital and Queen of Los Angeles-Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.

Most of the program's success, according to Sinsheimer, is due to the continuing overall excellence of the students, hospital clinics and support from Valley's administrators. This is the first time that Valley has won this award.

First Person

Valley goes to Washington

□S.L. Salamone visited the nation's capitol to interview the President

By S.L. SALAMONE Valley Star Staff Writer

We were seated in the Green Room, where the President usually holds his press conferences. Now the room was filled with student journalists and all of us were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the President. The White House press stood in the back of the room and C-SPAN covered the event live.

We had been given the rules of protocol before the meeting. Pictures could only be taken in the first two minutes, and you could not stand while taking them. Students should stand when you ask your question and address the President as Sir, or Mr. President.

A sliding wooden door opened and an announcer said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States." President Clinton walked into the room on a red carpet up to the podium. There was an immediate explosion of lights as cameras flashed and two minutes disappeared in a flash,

sentative of Valley College for the White House College Media Day.

My itinerary up to this point had been hectic and this moment in the Green Room, was the culmination of the whole trip. I had no time to think about anything except getting the President to call on me so I could pose my question.

Clinton spoke for 15 minutes, then he took questions.

Moving like a single unit, we all leaned forward in our seats and raised our hands high. A single mental scream went out, "Pick me!"

Although I was sitting up front, I never got to ask the President my question. I did, however, get to shake his hand after the forum. I reminded him of his trip to Valley College almost two years ago and he said he remembered visiting the college very well.

My trip to Washington had started the day before the conference, when I arrived on a red-eye flight from Los Angeles. I met with Valley's Congressman Howard Berman and was invited to a Judiciary Committee meeting. That same day I sat through House and Senate meetings.

While walking through the Capi-I was in Washington as a repre- tol, I noticed Republican Sonny Bono and went over and intro-See Washington, Page 3

team places sixth in state

By AARON DORN Valley Star Staff Writer

The Valley speech team brought home 11 medals and took sixth place overall in the California Community College Forensics Association (CCCFA) State Championship, which took place March 17 through 19 at Mt. San competition. Antonio College.

"This is normally a four day tournament, since other schools wanted to cut back on the cost it was a one time three day trial, which forced 12 to 14 hours of competition a day. It was horrendous," said Speech Team Coach Helen Acosta.

laborit's a major rush,"said speech

team member Steve West. West earned a gold medal in the Poetry Interpretation portion of the competition and in the Dramatic Interpretation. West was also part of the three member Interpreter's Theater cast of "Friend of a Friend's Story (FOAFS)" which won a bronze in the 30 school

Karly Rothenberg and Louis Cardenas won a silver medal for their Duet Interpretation performance. Rothenberg also took a silver medal in the Poetry Interpretation and Programmed Oral Interpretation categories, and a gold for her Speech to Entertain performance. Cardenas earned a silver in "When you see the fruits of your the Dramatic Interpretation cat-

See Speech, Page 3 Nanci (lt.), Muriel and Steve practice the Friend Of A Friend's Story for the national competition.

havez honored with state holiday

REBECCA CAMARENA **Entertainment Editor**

In observance of the first state holiday for Cesar Chavez's birthday, Valley will be closed on March 31. Cesar Estrada Chavez, (1927-1993) dedicated his life to the nonviolent struggle, to bring dignity and respect to those who worked in the fields of California and the rest of the nation that up until his involvement had neither.

workers. Low wages, harsh working conditions, and little education means chances for a better life are often out of reach for the workers and their families.

"Chavez's message to the workers was simple and powerful. God did not intend for them and their families to live and work as human robots, devoid of the dignity and wages and benefits most U.S. work-

Following the harvest is a way of ers took for granted," said Cardilife for America's migrant farm nal Roger Mahony of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

As President of the United Farm Workers of America, (UFW) Chavez founded and led the first successful Farm Workers' Union in United States history.

Chavez's goal was toward justice for anybody who was poor and to help those oppressed. "Chavez showed that common people could do uncommon things", said Abe Foundation.

The union's organizers sacrificed a stable family life and faced threats to their families and themselves as they worked alongside Chavez in a struggle that later came to symbolize the civil rights struggle for all

non-violence and Chavez conducted a 25 day fast in 1968 to

Bonowitz, assistant to the execu-reaffirm the UFW's non-violent tive director of the Cesar Chavez commitment. The late Senator Robert Kennedy called Chavez, "One of the heroic figures of our

The strike which lasted for five years helped to form the United Farm Workers Union. The grape boycott ended and the boycott of lettuce began in 1970. According In 1965 strikers took a pledge of to the UFW by the early 1980's those working under UFW con-

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Editorial

Derogatory remarks perpetuate bigotry

Racism, prejudice and bigotry are solely to describe the struggling relationships of whites versus all other minority groups.

In today's society, this struggle has taken on a new facet. The racism, prejudice and bigotry of today has moved to another realm with minority groups turnminority groups.

ing can be heard on playgrounds but surprisingly enough it is from one minor- this makes you look ignorant. ity to another.

seen with the Los Angeles riots that broke out in May '92. The main targets were Korean-owned stores. This is an example of scape-goating or choosing a person or group of people on which to place blame.

People in general tend to find scapegoat to turn attention away from themselves. The Jews were persecuted during the Holocaust by Hitler. This is a prime example of scape-goating.

When a group of people are persecuted words, which in the past have been used and crushed they either die out or they grow stronger as individuals. The problem is when one minority defames another minority, tension gets infinitely worse. A growing hate develops among ethnic groups and all of society drifts farther apart.

It is a good thing to have pride in your ing their hate and anger toward other ethnicity because this means you have pride in yourself. But if you must put Hate words and derogatory name call- down another group to feel this pride then you have no pride in yourself. Besides,

Using scapegoats and being angry at A prime example of this anger can be other people accomplishes nothing. Being an undeserved target of hate is something nobody should go through. Considering the persecution all minorities have experienced from the African Americans to Hispanics to women, one would think everyone would try to be sympathetic and understanding.

> We all need to realize when a derogatory remark is made, even when no one is listening, you are perpetuating racism.



school food check before biting

By MARLENY PADILLA Valley Star Staff Writer

As a lot of students at Valley, day morning I stopped in to pick up something to eat.

carton of chocolate milk, I went outside to sit down and enjoy my breakfast.

look inside and see how much cinnamon was in the roll. Well, there was plenty of cinnamon and

green hairy spots.

It was disgusting! I went back what I had found on my food. He I rely on the snack bar for not just said, "I know but it is not mold. All techniques. If we can not fix this snacks but sometimes meals. Tues- the bread is like that from the problem, we will change compagrease they cook it in."

He offered me another roll and Buying a cinnamon roll and a I asked, "If they are all like this, why would I want another one?" He returned my money and returned to his seat behind the regis-After two bites, I decided to ter. I thought he should at least remove the rest of the rolls from probably just a bad package."

the table but he did not.

often they change their foods.

Rose Whaler said, "We are into the snack bar and told the man aware of the situation and the baker is going to change his cooking

> I asked, "Are you sure it is the grease they cook it in because I also found green spots on the back of a hotdog bun and I do not think they use grease to cook those?"

Whaler replied, "That was

My advise when buying food I called the cafeteria to ask how is always check before biting.

Campus police provide more than security

By SYLVIA ARONSON Valley Star Staff Writer

My opinion of the Campus like security guards. Their main responsibility being to check up on us 17,000 students to make sure we had paid for a parking

Parking is \$20 a semester, where a parking ticket will cost \$25 should you receive one.

Calling officer Michael T. Habicht, I asked, "What are your hours?" He replied, "We are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

I said, "Wow! Twenty four me hours a day!" He added, "Seven days a week." Terrific.

dent body at Valley College. Protection at all times. Can not beat that.

So I was on my way to Bungalow 59 to pay a debt. No, not a parking ticket.

Last semster my husband had a mild stroke but was recouperating nicely, or so I

I had to attend a class and rather tion and then another.

than leave him at home, alone, I made the decision to have him come along with me.

He could wait for me at the Police until recently was they were refreshment stand close to the Bun-

galow I was meeting my class in. He agreed to wait for me. It would be an hour. I crossed my

fingers and hoped for the best. It did not work. He was not there when I returned.

Visions of him wandering through the 106 acres of Valley's grounds and eventually into the Van Nuys city streets, unable to remember which way to turn had my thoughts running away with

The woman in charge of the refreshment stand immediately Full time coverage for the stu- took charge. Picking up a phone, she dialed "#30"

This is the emergency number for the Campus Police and can be called from any campus telephone.

Within seconds an officer pulled up in his cart and said, "Hop in!" Soon we were wizzing around the

"What does he look like," he asked while looking in one direc-

In a brief time he covered a lot of territory. Just as I was starting to give up hope, he shouted "Is that

It was! I was never so glad to see anybody. He was half way through the door of a building up ahead. Officer Ken Crocker, what an eagle eye!

I was so relieved and overwhelmed by the experience, I barely thanked Officer Crocker.

My debt was to acknowledge his good deed and offer some monetary appreciation.

low and told my story to the two officers on duty, they both reacted the same way.

Crocker would not accept money for doing what he is expected to do on campus. He helps out whenever he is called. He would be insulted if you were to offer him

lice are not permitted to accept money for someone's gratitude.

However, people have brought crease in tuition. them cookies and candy.

Sweet treat for sweet deeds.

Letter to the Editor-

The Star deserves congratulation for the equitable way in which it dealt with a very contentious When I arrived at the Bunga- subject. It took an editorial position. In the case of a radio or television station, the giving of time for a reply is mandated by They said, "Oh no, Officer Federal law. In the case of a newspaper it is optional.

Dear Editor,

The Star generously did give space for a response. This should be appreciated.

In most matters vital to student's interest we all are cer-I discovered the Campus Po- tainly in agreement. The most pressing is the question of student fees. We should press for a de-

Most working students are receiving less pay or no increase

Valley Star Staff

...David Helleskov

in wages while prices are going up.

It is close to election time. The students should demand a commitment from those running for office demanding a reduction in taxes; they still do not pay their fair share.

It is wished that the politicians what Valley College means to its body students: a hope and a prayer.

No one is working harder to Star is voluntary. It takes a lot of acheive their goal of a better life. The faculty and staff rise to help.

and consistent effort of Marla O'Donnell, Fitness Center Direc-

On the past Friday night after a spirit. tough week of work, we find her orienting a new class. Dozens and Bill Fury dozens of students are being helped Fitness Center

toward better health. The college helps with new revenue from the added registration.

If only our new and old polititoward this reduction. The rich are cal representatives could feel an empathy for the students. They should visit here more often. They should read the Star which

and the unthinking rich would learn expresses the spirit of the student All of the effort put into the

What is missing too often is

A shining example is the strong appreciation for the voluntary added effort.

Give these people a "high five" when you see them and catch their

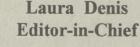
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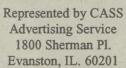
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News

ASU 'Family Picnic' delivers a good time for everyone involved

By ED WEST Valley Star Staff Writer

The blustery winds of last Friday blew the annual Associated Student's Union Family Picnic from the lawn of the campus mall to the more protected confines of the patio between Monarch Hall and the Book Store. These same winds cancelled the scheduled athletic games.

smiles on their faces and filled interrupted only when lifting forks

Despite the inconsistencies of the weather, the turn-out for the affair was gratifying to both Frank Cramblitt, President of the ASU and Jesse Dominguez, ASU vicepresident. Cramblitt and Dominguez not only acted as hosts, but also helped with food prepara-

At one time, each seat, nook, cranny and any other suitable place Some guests arrived early, long on the patio, where a person could before the food and refreshments sit and balance a plate on his or her were ready. After a few minutes knees was filled. The smiles and spent waiting they went away with conversations of the guests where

or spoons to their open mouths.

Around 2:40 p.m., after most of the guests had departed, Acting President Tyree Wieder made an appearance. She engaged in conversation with Cramblitt and Dominquez while nibbling on a hamburger.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., the festivities wound down. When no more guests arrived Cramblitt and Dominquez ate the last two pieces of chicken on the grill.

After the clean-up, and the patio was restored to its former pristine condition. Dominguez said, "I was somewhat disappointed with the

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congratulated me.

and awe inspiring.

duced myself and told him why I

was there. We shook hands and he

The trip was not all work though,

I did manage to visit the National

Portrait Museum. I viewed the

very first portrait ever painted of

George Washington. It's enormous

The best feeling however, was

sitting in the Green Room and

realizing that there's nothing as

exciting as being a journalist. When

the last meeting was over and I

was in a cab on my way to the

airport, to catch a red-eye home,

the cab driver asked me what I was

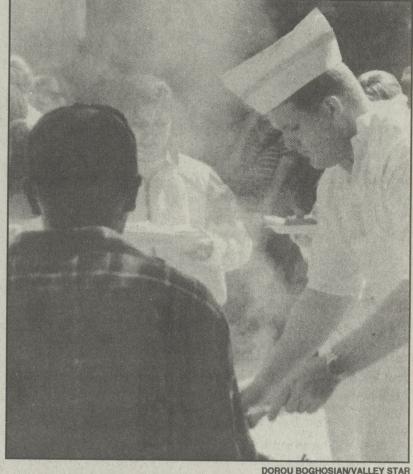
doing at the White House. I told

him, "I'm a journalist and I just

covered a meeting with the Presi-

turn out. By a rough count, I would estimate 150 people attended, but my feelings were somewhat mollified when I remembered that those who came had been well fed, enjoyed themselves and left with happy thoughts."

Dominquez said, "Maybe all that hot, windy air in Sacramento kept Barbara Feldman, Richard Katz and Herschel Rosenthal from coming. All things considered though, it turned out to be a fair day that turned into a good one when President Wieder showed up. I'm happy with the outcome and look forward to next year's affair."



ASU President Frank Cramblitt serves hamburgers to students.

Chavez

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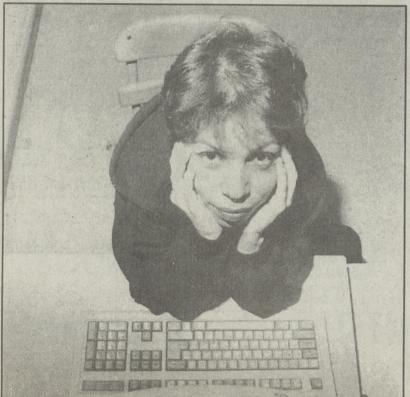
tracts received benefits and other

contract protections. In the mid 1980's Chavez called for another grape boycott, after consecutive California governors failed to enforce the earlier law made to the UFW. In 1988 Chavez conducted a 36 day "Fast for Life" to protect the children and workers from the pesticide poisoning of grapes. "This (spraying) was not a new problem but, finally, one that was recognized by the environmental agency," according to national holiday, but it has been Bonowitz.

and his family began a life as migrant farm workers moving throughout the southwest United

Chavez died in his sleep at age 66 on April 29, 1993. From the famous to the field workers 35,000 turned out to pay tribute to the late labor leader. At the funeral among Chavez's supporters were Edward James Olmos and Jesse Jackson both of whom suggested that Chavez's birthday, March 31, be declared a national holiday.

"Those fighting for the holiday felt it should be observed as a taken as a limited holiday," Maria Chavez was born March 31, Osorio, Public Action Organizer 1927, on a small farm near Yuma, for United Farm Workers said. Arizona. During the depression of Chavez's work will live by efforts the 1930's the family land was lost of the Ceser Chavez Foundation.



ROD GOODMAN/VALLEY STAR Sandra Salamone takes a short rest after her visit to Washington D.C.

egory and a bronze for his Prose member cast consists of Cardenas, Along with the cast of FOAFS,

earned a bronze for their this team was we had no debaters coaches lives are dedicated to the

a silver medal for her participation teams that placed ahead of Valley in the Programmed Oral Interpre- had both debaters and platform

The speech team lays all the dedication shown by their coaches "What is really special about Marty Taras and Acosta. "Our assed effort, your heart has to be in

tation. "Freedom of Choice's" five speakers. Mike Kolustian, Gina Rollo, Cindy credit on their time put in and the

Shaw and Matt Sison. and no platform speakers, which speech team, you can't give a halfare big chunks of points," West three member FOAFS cast, earned said. According to West the five it."

ASU-in-Brief

ASU Secretary position is now available. The position requires good organizational skills and a knowledge of word processing Flexible 15 to 20 hours per week For more information contact Frank Cramblitt at CC 102 or call ext. 361.

Commissioner of Evening Concerns is now available. For an application and more information go to CC 102 or call ext. 361.

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Tyree Wieder was appointed Acting President with 17 years experience in the field of education.

Acting President discusses future plans for the campus

By ED WEST Valley Star Staff Writer

Acting President, Tyree Wieder has had 17 years of experience in education within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). The LACCD will meet on April 4 of this year to admit the new president.

Despite the frustrations that arise from administering in a temporary position, constantly ringing phones, endless meetings with staff, students, committees and visitors, never ending decisions to be made and rare moments of selfreflection, Wieder composes herself with dignity, genuine friendliness, warmth and understanding.

"From the first day of my acceptance of this position, I chose to operate the school in its present status quo rather than implement new policies that could very well be terminated when the next president takes office. To make any major changes would have an unsettling effect on both the faculty and students, however, there are some changes I have in mind and should I be appointed, they are high on my list of priorities," says Wieder.

Wieder says, "I would like to consolidate some of the departments into more cohesive units. For example, combining the math and science labs and housing them in the same building would facilitate these courses for the students. I would like to see the labs equipped with Macintosh Labs, the most modern, up to date computer systems now in use by a few other schools. We must coordinate our support programs, revise them and bring them up to date."

"We must establish a better rapport with private industry to determine whether or not our instructional programs are meeting their requirements. We must instill a feeling of confidence in them, to the extent they will seek out our graduates, hire them and rest assured they will do an outstanding job in the position for which they were hired. Large corporations are well aware of the schools whose ued employees were graduated."

range dreams, but until they come of Valley's enrollment.' to fruition, we will continue to provide the best education our resources will allow.Improvements in the Transfer Program are already in progress and hopefully, by the end of the Spring Semester, every aspect of that program will be housed in the Administration Building."

Weider says, "We live in a democratic society where everyone can have his or her say and nowhere is this more apparent than in the school system."

quick to make changes or alter plans that are already working effectively. When changes occur it is only after they have been thought out, re-hashed, argued about and ers from the high school level, fought over with the other presidents in the district.'

"At scheduled meetings attended only by school presidents, we decide whether or not a proposal has merit and if in agreement, a pilot plan is installed in one of the schools. If the plan proves to be successful, it is adopted throughout the district."

"Valley's accreditation, as does level of teaching." the other eight schools in the district, conforms to the strict criteria vate industry. Believe it or not, mandated by the Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges. The ACCC has established eight demanding standards that must be adhered to, uppermost being that the school satisfy the needs and requirements of the students. These standards, while having nothing to do with the students per se, have everything to do with the quality of the education offered by the institution and are standards that administrators and faculty must main-year probation period wherein we, tain. Thanks to the excellent per- and they, will soon learn whether sonnel we have here at Valley, we or not they are dedicated teachmeet all the requirements," says ers."

sona from the community it serves.

academic programs strive for ex- Valley is located in a predomicellence. They have also been nantly white and Hispanic comknown to provide grants, munity hence 57 percent of the scholorships and subsidies to those students are White, while 31.8 institutions from where their val- percent are Hispanic. The Afro/ American and Asian students to-"These are some of my long gether, comprise only 11.1 percent

"Recent studies show a decline in the enrollment of White students while the enrollment of Hispanic students has increased. The figures I mentioned are representative only of Valley and they change drastically from school to school, depending on the community in which the school is lo-

In regards to many teachers now opting for early retirement, Wieder says, "This has been a nagging concern for quite a while. Some of "The president of a college is not the retiring teachers are not completely separating themselves from the school, some will continue on a part-time basis. We are in the process of looking at eligible teachpost-graduate college students and making inquires in the business

"Some high school teachers are definitely qualified to teach at the college level, while others will have to receive instruction. However, they will undergo a four year probation period during which they will learn to perform to the college

"I can recruit teachers from primoney is not the prime motivater for everyone. There are thousands of intelligent, highly trained men and women who would gladly give up the anxiety and stress of competing in the business world for a more serene career in teaching."

"Qualified, highly paid professionals willing to take a reduction in income to join the teaching ranks already have a special quality, but they too will have a four

Whether or not Wieder wants to "Every school adopts its per- be president, she says, "I've sub-

Tenor gives heart warming performance

BY ED WEST Valley Star Staff Writer

The most wonderful heart warming moments of Mark Goodrich's performance came when he deviated from the format of the program and spoke to the audience. He grabbed their hearts when he said his final selection would be dedicated to his parents.

He then related his remembrances of them, when, as a child, he had often seen them on the couch in the living room, in close embrace, enthralled and captivated by the haunting strains of " Stranger in Paradise," emanating from the family victrola.

In this, his only departure from

the program, he was both warm and friendly and the audience, hung on his every word.

His rich melodious tenor voice was in harmony with the piano playing of the talented Mark Salter, filled the Music Center with a variety of French and German arias that were soundly applauded by the audience.

Difficult selections written by, Bach, Handel, Schubert, Saint-Saens, Duparc and Grant Still, were easily and expressively rendered by Goodrich, whose virtuosity, versatility and expertise were displayed.

Had he opted to sing O Sole Mio, the audience, in closing their eyes while listening, could have very well envisioned a stout, bearded,

balding Italian tenor, for the timbre and vibrancy of the notes pouring from the mouth of Goodrich were not too far afield from the melodic issuings of Pavarati.

The total mastery of his vocal

instrument was well received by the audience after every aria, but their noisy appreciation amounted to nothing more than a softly sung lullaby when compared to the crescendo that followed his final song. When he began to sing "Stranger in Paradise," the audience stopped

They never again drew a breath until the last note of the repeated second refrain had wafted away.

breathing.

The hushed silence continued for a few seconds before erupting into ear-shattering applause.

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April 5 to May 10, 1995

The following movies are offered to enrolled student as part of the college's instructional program. Each movie will start promptly at 12:30 p.m. in BSc 101.

April 5: "AIDS: Profile of An Epidemic" is an documentary narrated by Ed Asner, directed by Terry Benson, 1985, Color, 60 mins.

April 12: Spring Recess

April 19: "The Scarlett Letter," starring Collen Moore and Alan Hale, directed by Robert Vignoi, B & W, 80 mins.

April 26: "Platoon," starring Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe and Charlie Sheen, directed by Oliver Stone, winner of four Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Director, 1986, Color, 120 mins.

May 3: "The Accused," starring Jodie Foster and Kelly McGillis, directed by Jonathan Kaplan, winner of the Academy Award for Best Actress, 1988, Color 110 mins.

May 10: "Frida (The Life of the Artist Frida Kahlo)," starring Ofelia Medina, Juan Jose Gurrolla, Salvador Sanchez, Max Kerlow and Claudio Brook, directed by Paul Leduc, Winner of the First Prize, Havan Film Festival, 1985, Color, 108 mins

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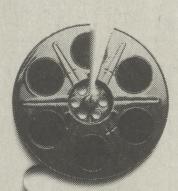
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Freshman plays on-court and on-line

By ROBERT BLECHL Valley Star Staff Writer

The forward for the men's basketballteam, Vernon Simmons, has much to be proud of. Simmons, a freshman, made the all-conference team for Southern California.

To top that all off, his team won the Las Vegas Tournament this past December. Simmons was named to the all-tournament team.

"We won it and it felt really good because this team was nine and 19," Simmons said.

"We (Valley) were the biggest kept secret in the whole state," Simmons adds, referring to what some might think of as an unex- his right knee, Simmons mentioned pected win by Valley.

Simmons said that when he was younger he had plenty of free time

close proximity to a school that had a basketball court.

His time spent there was the breeding ground of the talents readily apparent today when watching Simmons play in a game.

"I just really liked the game back then," Simmons explained. "I didn't really think competitively until a few years down the road. The first time I took it seriously was in the eighth grade."

that Simmons experienced his first injury. "I pulled a few ligaments in my right knee," Simmons said.

Also, because of prior cysts in that the area does get swollen periodically but not to the point where it is detrimental. "I've gotten used

but the mobility is still fine."

that Simmons enjoys most is the Science. health factor. "If you play basketin shape because it works your my house. I was like a little nerd." whole body," Simmons said.

Valley but is undecided as far as start toying on my computer," which school to transfer to. How- Simmons added. ever, he might not have much work It was also in that time period to do in order to get accepted to a petitive sport is to win. However, four year school. Some are coming the means to that goal can differ

schools," Simmons said. "I've his strategy. heard form Georgia Tech and Maryland Eastern Shore. But I'll you sense your opponent losing probably stay another year (at confidence, you want to make a big Valley).

on his hands. His home was in to it actually," Simmons said. "It is Simmons said it world be nice if always going to be more swollen he received a scholarship but if he didn't he would continue to con-The one benefit from the game centrate on his major, Computer

"I like computers," Simmons ball it is always going to keep you said. "I have computers all over

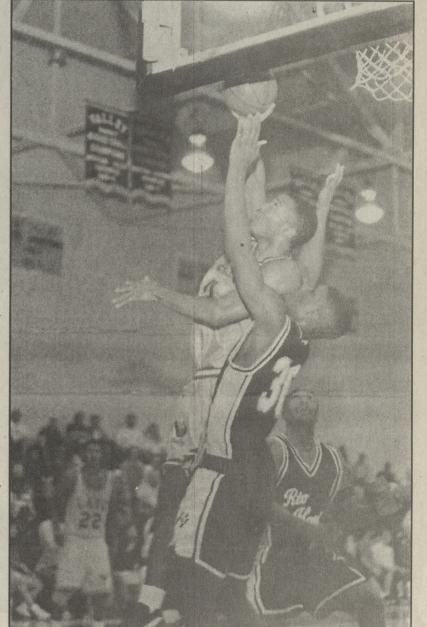
"After basketball, when it would Simmons has another year left at get dark, I'd stop shooting and

The main objective in any comamong particular sports and indi-"I've heard from all the Big West vidual players. Simmons explained

> "If you're on a (scoring) run andshot of a big steal," Simmons said.

"Just some kind of big play so it wipes out their confidence. That is really the goal. If you do that, they start bickering and basketball becomes secondary." Simmons added.

To have the power and ability to intimidate opponents takes training. Simmons trains hard. "I work on ball handling. Learning how to handle the ball is the most important thing," Simmons explained. "That and outside shooting." Simmons also runs, lifts weights and jumps ropes.



ROD GOODMAN/VALLEY STAR

Vernon Simmons goes up for two against the stiff Rio Hondo defense.

Upcoming Sports Calendar

3/23 Men's Baseball vs. Glendale 2:30 p.m.

3/24 Men's and Women's Track at Santa Monica Easter Relays All Day Men's and Women's Swimming

at Cuesta 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Santa Monica 3:30 p.m.

3/25 Men's Baseball at Cuesta 1 p.m. 3/26-28 Women's Softball at Saddleback Tournament TBA

3/28 Men's Baseball Vs. Oxnard 2:30 p.m.

3/29 Women's Softball vs. Moorpark 3:30 p.m.

3/30 Men's Baseball at Moorpark 2:30 p.m. 3/31 Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Ventura 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Ventura 3:30 p.m.

4/1 Men's and Women's Track at Fresno Invitational 9 a.m. Men's Baseball vs. Santa Barbara 1 p.m.

4/3 Women's Softball vs. Pierce 3:30 p.m. 4/4 Men's Baseball at Ventura 2:30 p.m.

4/5 Women's Softball vs. Bakersfield 3:30 p.m. 4/6 Men's Baseball vs. Hancock 2:30 p.m.

4/7 Men's and Women's Swimming vs. COC 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball at Hancock 3:30 p.m.



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Valley Monarch forward #44 Vernon Simmons bounces a pass by a defender from Bakersfield College.

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